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SUBJECT: GOH PRESS REACTION TO CHILEAN COUP

1. SUMMARY: LAST TWO DAYS HUNGARIAN PRESS HAS GIVEN WIDESPREAD COVERAGE TO EVENTS IN CHILE. STATEMENTS RANGE FROM DE-  
PENDING FACT THAT FIRST ATTEMPT EVER TO INTRODUCE PROGRESSIVE SYSTEM IN LA HAS BEEN SUPPRESSED VIOLENTLY TO CHARGES THAT US, INTERESTED IN CHILE'S COOPER RESOURCES, BEHIND COUP. ALL PAPERS ASSURE PROGRESSIVE FORCES OF CHILE OF THEIR "SOLIDARITY AND FRATERNAL SYMPATHY" WHICH THEY CLAIM EVIDENCED BY NUMBER OF SOLIDARITY MEETINGS PARTICIPATED IN BY WORKERS, PEASANTS, AND INTELLECTUALS. DURING MEETING AT WFDY HEADQUARTERS IN BUDAPEST APPEAL ADDRESSED TO ALL MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS AND DEMOCRATIC, PROGRESSIVE YOUTH BY CHILEAN VP ERNESTO OTTONE TO SUPPORT CHILEAN PROGRESSIVE FORCES RALLYING BEHIND PEOPLES' UNITY GOVERNMENT. VICE PREMIER LAJOS FEHER, MEMBER ON

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POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF HUNGARIAN SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

(HSWP) DEPLORED VIOLENT PUTSCH RESULTING IN  
MURDER OF ALLENDE "WHO  
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LAWFULNESS TO HIS LAST  
BREATH" AND CHARGED THAT REACTIONARY CHILEAN FORCES HAD  
BEEN SUPPORTED BY IMPERIALIST CIRCLES AGAINST  
PROGRESSIVE POPULAR SYSTEM. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTERNOON DAILY ESTI HIRLAP, AFTER DEPLORING OVERTHROW OF  
FIRST ATTEMPT EVER TO INTRODUCE  
PROGRESSIVE REGIME INTO  
LA, NOTES THAT CHILE HAS NEVER KNOWN SHOCK OF VIOLENT  
TAKEOVER OF POWER SO FREQUENT ELSEWHERE IN LA AND SAYS  
"ROOTS HAVE TO BE SOUGHT IN OPPOSING INTERESTS OF CHILEAN  
RIGHT-WING AND CAPITALIST CLASS RESISTING POPULAR FRONT  
FROM VERY BEGINNING". CLAIMS FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF  
ALLENDE POWER WOULD HAVE SET UP A DISAGREEABLY ATTRACTIVE  
EXAMPLE TO NATIONALIST-MINDED COUNTRIES TIRED OF US  
PATRONIZING ATTITUDE. TU DAILY NEPSZAVA DECLARES CHILEAN  
ARMY LEADERS BROKE THEIR OATH IN OVERTHROWING CONSTITUTIONAL  
ORDER. SAYS RIGHTIST FORCES DID NOT HAVE COURAGE TO WAIT  
FOR PLEBESCITE SUGGESTED BY ALLENDE FEW DAYS EARLIER.  
CLAIMS REACTION, SERIOUSLY DEFEATED AT MARCH ELECTIONS,  
"SAW RED" WHEN PLEBESCITE RAISED AND SO BLINDED RUSHED  
INTO OPEN FASCIST TERROR.

3. MAGYAR HIRLAP, SEMI-OFFICIAL ORGAN OF GOH, OPINES  
THAT HOWEVER PLATITUDINOUS IT MAY SOUND PRESENT PICTURE  
OF  
BULLET-RIDDEN SANTIAGO IS AN OBJECT LESSON: CAPITAL  
IS INTERNATIONAL AND THERE IS NO FUNDAMENTAL CHANCE IN  
NATURE OF IMPERIALISM. ARMY, CHARGED WITH DEFENSE OF  
CONSTITUTION, ATTACKED GOVERNMENT FROM BACK. "GENERALS,  
WHO UNLIKE PERUVIAN OFFICERS HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO SAY  
NO TO WALL STREET, PARADE AS PROGRAM HEROES OF MOST STUPID  
ANTI-COMMUNISM". DAILY MAGYAR NEMZET INTONES THAT AS  
RESULT OF LAST THREE YEARS CHILEAN WORKERS WHO HAVE GROWN  
POLITICALLY AND SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS WILL CONTINUE STRUGGLE  
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FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE EVEN IF TEMPORARILY  
THEY WILL HAVE TO RESORT TO OTHER  
MEANS.

4. MEANWHILE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR OSCAR JIMINEZ ISSUED  
STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 13 ASSERTING THAT MOST REACTIONARY STRATA  
OF ARMY UNLEASHED REVOLT TO PUT ILLEGAL  
GOVERNMENT INTO

POWER. SAID AS CHILEAN AMBASSADOR IN HUNGARY HE DID NOT  
RECOGNIZE ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT EXCEPT GOVERNMENTFO  
POPULAR UNITY "LAWFULLY ELECTED BY CHILEAN PEOPLE".  
JIMINEZ SAID HE REJECTED VERSION PEDDLED BY IMPERIALIST  
PRESS TO EFFECT THAT ALLENDE COMMITTED SUICIDE.  
"KNOWING HIS DEEP IDEOLOGICAL CONVICTION, HIS COURAGE  
AND MORAL INTEGRITY HE MUST HAVE FALLEN IN FIGHTING IN  
DEFENSE OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLES REVO-  
LUTION HE DEFENDED", HE DECLARED. JIMINEZ WAS MINISTER  
OF HEALTH IN ALLENDE'S FIRST CABINET.  
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